

inently before the New York public as Lovey Mary in "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch." This led her to London, where she made a hit.

David Belasco engaged her on her return from abroad as Juanita in "The Rose of the Rancho." After a most successful road tour Miss Barriscale returned to San Francisco and joined the Alcazar theater stock company as leading lady. The next season saw her engaged in a similar position at the Belasco theater in Los Angeles. Miss Barriscale then toured the country in the star part of Launa in "The Bird of Paradise."

Her first venture in the films was in the part of Juanita in "The Rose of the Rancho." Thomas H. Ince was so impressed with Miss Barriscale's work that he engaged her under a long term contract. Success came to her rapidly in the following productions: "The Devil," "The Cup of Life," "The Reward," "The Mating" and "The Golden Claw."

NINE BURNED TO DEATH IN TEXAS THEATER FIRE

Mexia, Texas, Feb. 17.—Fire which followed gas explosion resulting from collapse of galleries in local opera house last night was extinguished early today after 9 lives had been lost, three persons injured and four buildings destroyed with loss of more than \$100,000.

Search was still being made through the smoking ruins today for other bodies. Apparently everybody had been accounted for, but a restaurant was among the buildings razed and it is probable several transients may have been in it when the explosion occurred.

LUSITANIA NEGOTIATIONS TO CONTINUE—NO SETTLEMENT

Washington, Feb. 17.—Further and apparently interminable negotiations over submarine warfare issues confront U. S. today. With Lusitania agreement blocked, temporarily at least, by new German admiralty order

to sink armed merchantmen without warning after Feb. 29, diplomatic tangle reached stage approaching confusion.

United States will not accept Germany's proffered settlement of Lusitania dispute until full effect of Germany's latest Von Tirpitz decree is determined, and Germany may postpone operation of new campaign against armed merchant ships pending negotiations with the U. S.

ENGINEERS TO HEAR KICKS ABOUT STREET CAR SERVICE

Chicago's new board of transportation engineers will get another "earful" of what the public thinks of subways at another public meeting held this afternoon in committee rooms of the council.

Yesterday representatives of the Cook County Real Estate Board told the engineers that, in their opinion, subways should be the last remedy considered by the commission and that the 55 per cent of street car company's profits which came to the city was bad business as it put a premium on rotten service.

Bion J. Arnold, for years the \$18,000 "neutral" member of the board of supervising engineers, which has let the traction company pretty nearly do as they pleased, heartily agreed with this.

Wm. B. Parsons and Robert Ridgway of New York are the other members of the commission.

UNCOVER PLOT TO KIDNAP SONS OF WEALTHY MAN FOR RANSOM

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 17.—2 missing Mexicans being sought by police today in connection with plot to kidnap 2 young sons of El Paso bankers and hold them in mountains of New Mexico for \$50,000 ransom. Dr. H. A. Magruder, who turned state's evidence; Major Jesus Villaseñor, formerly of Villa army, and Werner Fische, wealthy German business man, have been arrested on indictments handed down in alleged plot.